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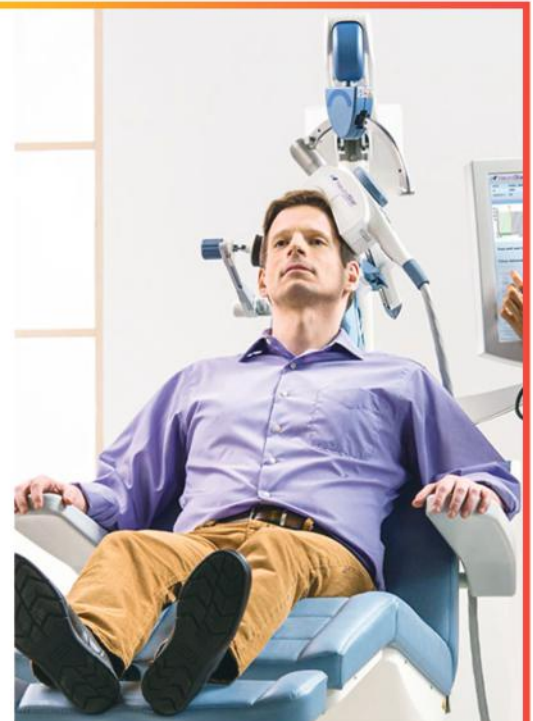
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Mike at Night tidbits



The Midwest Music Market Place at Rivers Casino on Oct 5

The Midwest Music Marketplace is an inaugural "premiere

event" for music vendors and collectors, scheduled for Sunday, October 5, 2025, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Rivers Casino in Des Plaines. The event is a new approach to the traditional record show, with Rivers Casino acting as a "partner" to help create a high-end, destination event that will attract both dedicated collectors and casual music fans. It will feature up to 100 tables of vendors, and admission is free, though attendees must be 21 or older to enter the casino.

Marina's Bistro & Rum Bar on Magnolia & Wilson in Uptown

Marina's Bistro & Rum Bar is an authentic Puerto Rican restaurant located in Chicago's Uptown District. The bistro is owned and operated by Chef Eric Roldan, a member of the LGBTQ+ community who named the restaurant after his late mother. The menu features traditional dishes like Mofongos, Arroz con Gandules, and Jibaritos, and is praised for its "unforgettable food and hospitable atmosphere". Customer reviews highlight the "guava butter" as a must-try item and note the bistro's colorful and inclusive environment.



Lakeview East Festival of the Arts on Sept 13-14

The Lakeview East Festival of the Arts, held on September

13-14, is a premier fine art festival in its 20th year, attracting over 45,000 attendees. Rated as the "#1 Fine Arts Festival in Chicago" and "#2 in Illinois," the event showcases over 125 juried artists featuring a wide range of works from paintings and sculpture to photography and jewelry. The festival also offers live music, food, and family activities. It is free to attend, with a suggested donation at the gates to support the event.

Naper Pride Sept 13 in Naperville

The Naper Pride Fest is a single-day, family-friendly LGBTQIA+ festival in its fourth year, taking place at Naper Settlement in Naperville, IL. The event, which aims to bring together people "from all walks of life," will feature live performances, a beer garden, and vendors offering a variety of goods and services. The festival's date is listed as September 13, 2025, but a conflicting source lists it as Saturday, September 10.



Las Mananitas Mexican Restaurant on Halsted St

Las Mananitas Mexican Restaurant, located on Halsted Street, offers "Tex-Mex Specialties"

LAS MAÑANITAS

and is a local favorite in Chicago's Lakeview/Boystown/Wrigleville neighborhood. The restaurant is known for its "killer margaritas" and authentic dishes, which have been praised by customers. They are truly a part of the community, even owner Gloria, Mike and staff were there to support the fundraiser for the ChicagoArtsCenter.org, providing all the beverages and water for the fundraising event at Space Park.



Reeling Film Festival Sept 19-28 Reeling

The Chicago LGBTQ+ International Film Festival, now in its 43rd year, is the second-longest running LGBTQ+ film festival of its kind in the world. The festival runs from September 19-28, 2025, and is a production of the non-profit Chicago Filmmakers. It is known for showcasing a diverse range of genres and stories that are often "misrepresented or ignored in mainstream film and television," including an animated film as its opener. Screenings will be held at Chicago Filmmakers and Landmark Century Centre Cinemas.



BYRON'S HOT DOGS
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Byron's Hot Dogs Two Locations, North Side Chicago

Byron's Hot Dogs is an "Iconic Northside" establishment with two Chicago locations, one on Irving Park Road and the other on West Lawrence Avenue. The restaurant offers a variety of hot dogs and other sandwiches, including a "Chicago style" hot dog with a full list of toppings, such as mustard, relish, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, green peppers, cucumbers, and celery salt. A family-owned business since 1975, Byron's is known for its support of the community and its involvement in various events, including PrideFest, the Chicago Ribfest and the Chicago Hot Dog Fest. The restaurant's owner, Mike, has been a longtime supporter of the community, and has donated hot dogs for a ChicagoArtsCenter.org fundraising event, where a "Mike" is cited for his food contributions. TY!

64TEN aka Leather64TEN Harness Sale

Usually a sale is just a sale, but besides this being just a seasonal leather harness sale, the owner Eric, and his 64TEN Crew Michael, Brad, Chris, and others on 'da team, are not only the merchants, but they're also the

designers and fitters of the 64TEN leather brand, exclusively sold at 64TEN north Clark St., Chicago. Earlier this year I did what I thought was going to be a casual interview with Eric Kugelman, which turned out to be a full expose, which included a tremendous amount of contributions that Eric, and crew at the store, have made to the LGBTQ+++xyz community, and beyond! Big thanks to him for his generous support for the ChicagoArtsCenter.org fundraising event!



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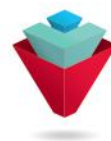
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The Lakeview East Festival of the Arts



Showcasing more than 150 artist exhibits featuring paintings, sculpture, photography, furniture, jewelry and more. These original pieces are for sale in a wide price range. Over the last two decades, the festival has become a center of activity for the weekend with live demonstrations, entertainment stages, family activities and a garden oasis.



For 20 years, the Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce has presented one of the most unique and popular art festivals in Chicago. Every aspect, from artists to musicians to vendors and everything in between, is specifically selected, bringing the best to the Lakeview.



SATURDAY, SEPT 13

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS 11am-7pm

LIVE MUSIC UNTIL 10pm

Main Stage

12:00pm
Dana Maragos

1:00pm
Steve Dawson and Diane Christiansen

2:30pm
Gerald Dowd

4:00pm
Gerald McClendon

5:30pm
Nelson Street Revival

7:30pm
Simple Remedy

9:00pm
Charlie Otto + His Gear



JOHN HUSS

Roscoe Stage

12:00pm
John Huss

1:30pm
Anxiety Patrol

3:00pm
Back Alley

4:30pm
Todd Allison & The Kind Force

6:00pm
Shadowfields



SUNDAY, SEPT 14

Main Stage

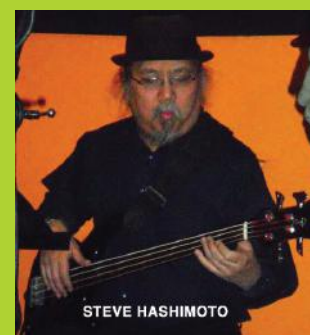
11:45am
Gerry Hundt Trio

1:00pm
The Band Calderisi

2:30pm
Miss Barbara Clifford & The Shakin' Tailfeathers

4:00pm
Fox Crossing Stringband

5:30pm
Mr. Blotto



STEVE HASHIMOTO

Roscoe Stage

12:00pm
Steve Hashimoto Duo

1:30pm
VRTUE

3:00pm
Kent Rose & The Remedies

4:30pm
Redbud Park

6:00pm
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IN CONCERT

Jorge Suarez

Quest formed two years ago and I was able to catch them in concert closer to my home when they performed at Local Bar & Grill in Wood Dale, IL. Since then, they have performed in numerous venues throughout Chicagoland and suburbs. Quest is the premier “Queen, Elton John, and Supertramp,” tribute band out of Chicago.



The band consists of **Ricky Rivera** on vocals and bass. Ricky sings **Freddy Mercury** and some **Roger Hodgson**. **Michael Muldowney** on vocals and piano. Michaels sings **Elton John**. **Joshwa Motley** on vocals and guitar. Joshwa sings some **Elton John**, **Queen**, and **Supertramp**. **Chris Charles Arnold** on sax, organ, clavinet, harmonica, and other instruments, and **Matt Gulli** on vocals and drums and sings some **Supertramp**.

If you're wondering how this band came to this point, let me explain. Putting together a strong tribute band takes far more than just technical skill. It's about passion, chemistry, and dedication. Each member must not only be musically talented, but also versatile enough to capture the sound, energy, and personality of the artists they are covering.

A successful tribute band such as Quest that can recreate Queen, Elton John, and Supertramp, requires vocal range, instrumental precision, and the ability to work as a tight unit to reproduce all three artists and their bands. Just as important is the shared love of music, bandmates need to drive to rehearse tirelessly, the creativity to bring songs to life on stage, and the passion to honor the legacy of the original recording artists, while giving audiences an unforgettable experience. It's equal parts talent, teamwork, and genuine devotion to the music. With that, comes Quest!

Upcoming Quest performances will include: October 4th at **Madcats** in **Palatine**, December 20th at **Tony D's** in **Elmwood Park**, January 24th at **Evenflow** in **Geneva**, and a show pending for October 18th which will be announced soon. I refer to tribute bands as "custodians of history" They carry the weight of recreating iconic sounds for audiences who may never have had the chance to see the original recording artists. For younger tribute bands, the pressure is real. Fans of classic rock are deeply passionate and demand authenticity. Modern day tribute bands are bridging generations, honoring the legends while ensuring the next wave of listeners keep the classic rock vibe alive and loud!



Oakton Street Antique Center

Let me expand on the importance of our beloved antique malls and how they are popular with the younger generation. Why? Perhaps it's because antiques are created from the best material, and more environmental friendlier than modern alternatives.



In short, you get the best, in most cases, expert handmade, best quality, and made to last longer thereby reducing waste and consumption. It's a matter of timeless hand crafted beauty versus a conveyor belt of cheaply produced plastic or metal cranked out at a high rate to hit store shelves at a discount price. It's all about the craftsmanship, character, and history of a vintage item, versus a mass-produced item.

Yet the more wiser individual can live in the present, while admiring the past. The fact is, the past created the blueprint for beauty and quality to survive the test of time. It's up to the younger generation to pass it along.



Oakton Street Antique Center is at 2430 E. Oakton Street, Arlington Heights, Illinois, just west of Elmhurst Road and is near Interstate 90. I've dropped into this antique mall on several occasions over the last several years, there's always more to see, and discover.

I recently revisited and ran into booth D3/D8, where I purchased a large vintage camera collection in 2017. The owners consist of mother and daughter team of **Jackie Krause & Bonnie Throne** pictured next to the 1958 Seeburg jukebox! Per Jackie, *"it's not for sale, only for in-store entertainment. Our customers do really enjoy it, we often catch people dancing in the aisles"*.



As of this past May, Oakton Street Antique Center has been open since 1994, a total of 31 years. They're a family business, Bonnie Throne is the original owner and Jackie is the manager as well as daughter. Bonnie has been interested in antiques almost her entire life, inspired by her Aunt Molly. Our store is home to approximately 60 dealers, with 75 booths across 12,000 square feet".

She says, *"In my opinion, that's part of what makes our store so awesome: the extreme variety that our many dealers carry appeals to every type of collector, both old and young buyers"*. There's something for everyone, generally. One has to appreciate the time and effort it takes to create such an ambience. Sixty dealers with seventy five booths under one roof, displaying their love for something from the past and basically keeping the vintage dream alive. Hats off to all for this enormous feat!

Though I spent a short time browsing, I was sure to keep an eye for as much beauty as I can post. Here you will find artwork, home décor, jewelry, vintage gaming, toys, mid-century modern furniture, cameras, militaria, coins, and more. There was a large collection of vinyl, as well as vintage stereo equipment, posters, etc. As always, I will revisit and update as time permits. Thanks to Jackie and Bonnie for their hospitality, warmth, and kindness. Their hours of operation are Monday through Saturday from 10am to 6pm, Sundays until 5:30pm. You can reach out to them at (847) 437-2514.

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The release package serves as a master-class in house music's evolution, pairing foundational artists like **Frankie Knuckles**, **Marshall Jefferson**, **Phuture**, **Ron Hardy**, **Armando**, and **Paul Johnson** with boundary-pushing producers including **Jorge**, **Hiroko Yamamura**, and **Analog 87**. From iconic anthems like "Move Your Body" and "Your Love" to genre-blending remixes and experimental deep cuts.

The compilation underscores Trax's role as innovator, that prides itself as a record label collaborator in the music industry, as seen, and heard, by the release of this four decade compilation.

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Out'n About

Though I enjoy browsing thru antique malls, I keep an eye out for anything music related. I have found and purchased collections of old time radios, stereo equipment, posters, music memorabilia, etc. This post is dedicated to the various collections of classic rock/dance vinyl which I came across. You can join Out N About on Facebook to view more pics and extended videos. I definitely plan on returning soon and making a few vinyl purchases.

My next interest was for small, miscellaneous, and hard to find items, or as American Pickers call it, "smalls". These are items placed in glass cases or shelves that are considered quick selling collectibles.

A perfect example are Hot Wheels, promo buttons and pins, especially presidential buttons as well as concert pins, military, etc. Tour or backstage passes, 45rpm records, key chains, comic books, to bigger items such as Star Wars figures, soda bottles, etc. These are items that catch attention and lure you into becoming a collector.

I enjoy visiting antique malls as much as concerts. There are decades of beauty that bring parties and collectors together, just as concerts draw music collectors. Again, a special thanks to Bonnie and Jackie and I hope to visit soon. Remember to keep an eye out for record shows as well.



Both bring out the best of classic music from our past. These are great places to dive into record bins, revisit stereo equipment that we purchased in our youth, or just strike up a conversation with the experts. You can friend Oakton Street Antique Center on Facebook or visit their website for hours of operation and more details. Don't forget to join "**Out 'n About**" group page on Facebook, which is an extension of [Facebook.com/boiMAGazine](https://www.facebook.com/boiMAGazine).



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5 Ways to Prioritize Self-Care During the Busy Season

The upcoming holiday seasons are right around the corner, and often accompanied by packed schedules filled with travel, family gatherings and long days outdoors, making it easy to let wellness habits slip.

However, prioritizing self-care can make a big difference in how you feel and function so you can fully enjoy everything on your sunshine-filled schedule all season long.

To help you out, Registered Dietitian and Nutritionist Dawn Jackson Blatner offers the following pro tips.

1. Refresh your space

When life feels chaotic, a cluttered space can make it worse. But you don't have to overhaul everything. Start small! Pick one spot each week to tidy, like your car, work bag or fridge.

As part of the refresh, Blatner suggests adding something small to your daily spaces that sparks joy. It could be color, music or a meaningful item that reminds you to take care of yourself, even during the busiest days.

2. Unplug

It can be easy to mindlessly scroll on your phone or other devices. You don't have to give up your electronics, but setting digital boundaries can help reduce your screen time. Schedule time in your day for screen-free outdoor time to reduce stress and soak up mood-boosting vitamin D.

3. Eat what makes you feel good

Focus on eating foods that taste good and make you feel nourished and happy. Blatner recommends keeping a feel-good



fridge zone with pre-chopped veggies, hard-boiled eggs for grab-and-go protein, antioxidant-packed snacks like seasonal berries and infused water jars with herbs and citrus.

4. Make movement fun

Does the thought of hitting the gym or going on a run fill you with dread? Don't force yourself to do an exercise you don't enjoy. Instead of traditional workouts, embrace playful movement outdoors like paddleboarding, bike riding, beach volleyball or even dance classes to keep fitness fun and consistent.

5. Make a sweet, protein-packed snack

Satisfy your sweet tooth with a homemade treat made from high-quality ingredients like Blatner's recipe for Protein Cookie Bites. They're a deliciously crave-worthy yet nourishing snack to tackle those sweet cravings throughout your day.

These protein bites are made with Eggland's Best eggs, so you can savor every bite knowing that these eggs contain 10 times more Vitamin E compared to ordinary eggs. This powerful antioxidant helps protect cells from oxidative stress, which is especially helpful during the hotter months when sun exposure increases.

EB eggs also have six times more Vitamin D compared to ordinary eggs, which supports bone health, immune function and mood regulation.

[*RECIPE for Protein Cookie Bites on Following Page*](#)



Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 8 minutes Yield: 24

INGREDIENTS

2 Eggland's Best Eggs, large
 1/2 cup natural peanut butter
 4 tablespoons maple syrup
 1/2 cup vanilla protein powder
 1/2 cup rolled oats
 1/4 cup dark chocolate chips
 1/4 teaspoon sea salt

PREPARATION

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk Eggland's Best eggs and stir in peanut butter and maple syrup.
3. Add in protein powder and oats and stir until fully mixed. Then, fold in chocolate chips.
4. Scoop the batter into 24 mounds on a parchment-lined baking sheet and top each with a pinch of salt.
5. Bake about 8 minutes or until bottoms are golden. Let cool for 15 minutes & enjoy.

Storage: Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to three days, in the fridge for up to seven days, or freeze for up to three months.

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COMMENTARY UNCENSORED

by: Screamin' Rachael

Recording Artist, Entrepreneur, Publisher, Music Mogul, House Music Icon, sometimes Controversial, with a dash of Opinionism for good measure.

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When I stepped onto the stage at Camp Wonkru in Alton, NYC, I knew this was no ordinary festival. Unlike the hyper-commercialized blowouts like Lollapalooza, Camp Wonkru thrives on raw energy, freedom, and a true underground spirit. It was about connection, not spectacle.

I gave the crowd all sides of me, singing, screaming, and DJing, a triple threat that has always defined Screamin' Rachael. Backed by my keyboard player Chillsesh, who layered melodies that flowed like electricity, I also unleashed the Roland TB-303 live, giving everyone a taste of true Acid House.

That squelchy bass-line pulsed like a heartbeat through the forest air, reminding everyone why house music will never die.

and from there **Sugar Lip**, a powerhouse and believer in female DJs and artists, insisted I headline the main stage.



Big thanks to my sponsor, **Dr. Leef**, who keeps the creative fire alive by supporting artists who dare to keep it real. And none of this would have happened without Pop **Queen Radio** out of **Buffalo, NY**. I first connected with them through **Darla Kogan**, better known as **Trinidad Trax**, who I met alongside my dear friend **DJ Keoki**, whom she manages, at our **WMC** concert in **Miami**. Darla made that initial introduction to the station,

She and Dr. Leef both told me that people had been congratulating them for days afterward about my performance and asking

about us. Hearing that made me feel so proud and unbelievably happy, knowing the energy we shared on stage truly connected. What made **Camp Wonkru** special wasn't just the performance, it was the people. I met the **Wooks**, modern-day hippies whose open hearts and free spirits gave the event its soul. Among the Wooks, one of the standout moments came from **DJ Krystal Klarity**. He brought his own powerful energy

to the Bass Stage, one of the five stages at Camp Wonkru, while our crew held down the Main Stage. His set captured the spirit of the underground perfectly, with deep grooves and heavy textures that rattled the earth.

Klarity's performance was a highlight of the Bass Stage, proving that Wonkru thrived not only on the Main Stage but across all its diverse platforms.

Bass, the sound that Klarity embodied, is more than just a name, it's a strain of house music built on massive low-end frequencies and sculpted basslines.



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It draws from dubstep, drum & bass, garage, and grime, creating tracks that are design-driven, trance-inducing, and terrain-shaking. It's the kind of music that doesn't just get heard, it's felt. At Wonkru, Bass had the perfect environment. The forest air, a wild crowd, and subs that made the ground tremble.



WHAT IS WONKRU



camp Wonkru is a Movement built on Peace, Love, Unity, and Respect, not as a slogan, but as a way of organizing. A temporary autonomous zone where we make the rules. Where we take care of each other. Where we leave inspired, not drained.

Wonkru is a return to the roots. A 72-hour rave camp in the forests of Afton, NY — with multiple stages, immersive art, workshops, and 100 acres of self-expression, all built by the community.



It's not about headliners. It's about crews, collectives, and culture the people who actually keep the scene alive. this is where they converge.

It's about reclaiming space for art, noise, chaos, and healing.

Camp Wonkru reminded me why I fell in love with this scene in the first place. It was real, raw, and unforgettable. I can't wait to come back next year and scream even louder! And as the weekend came to a close, I couldn't help but feel that Camp Wonkru was the perfect way to wrap up summer. It carried us through the season with music, passion, and connection, and now it sets the stage for an exciting vision as we head into fall.

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by Mike at Night

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These dependencies on smart-devices have impacted those growing up pre-COVID-19 era, mostly due to long-term mandatory lockdowns, forcing them to become co-dependent on computers, and devices, such as tablets, pads, smart-phones, gaming, etc.

Especially GEN-Alpha, effected the most who's now suffering from chronic, excessive screen time habits, going beyond typical use, causing all sorts of physical, mental, and social disorders, including isolation!

I'm sure you've noticed small children and teens on devices in restaurants, at the family table, or children that isolate themselves in their bedroom.

Currently, we're raising funds to launch the "Chicago's Got Moves" Dance Fitness Program, to help combat smart-device addictions among youth.

The program is designed to promote healthy activities, and be an alternative that instead, will have a positive effect physically, mentally and socially.

With your help, we can have an immediate effect by donating any amount to this important mission!

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THE EVER-FAST EVOLVING TECH TRENDS

by Jack Sontos

Facts on Emerging Technology Trends

New technology trends refer to the prevailing developments, innovations, and advancements in the world of technology

What are technology trends?

New technology trends refer to the prevailing developments, innovations, and advancements in the world of technology. These trends often shape the direction of industries, businesses, and society as a whole, influencing how we interact, work, and live.

Why are new technology trends important?

Following new technology trends is crucial for individuals and businesses alike because it allows them to stay competitive and relevant in a rapidly evolving digital landscape. By keeping abreast of emerging technologies, one can make informed decisions about adopting new tools, improving processes, and leveraging opportunities for growth.

Is it beneficial to get a certification in a tech field?

Yes, getting a certification in a trending tech field can be highly beneficial for your career. Here's why:

- **Industry Recognition**
- **Career Growth**
- **Updated Skills**
- **Competitive Advantage**
- **Networking Opportunities**

Don't have a tech background?

Many tech fields welcome professionals from non-tech backgrounds.

With the right training, certifications, and hands-on practice, you can build the necessary skills. Start with beginner-friendly courses in areas like data analytics, cybersecurity, cloud computing, or programming. Many companies also value problem-solving, analytical thinking, and adaptability, skills that can come from any background.



Technology visions continuing into 2026 include quantum computing, AR/VR integration, 6G connectivity, cybersecurity advancements, sustainable tech, blockchain applications, edge computing, biotechnology innovations, and autonomous systems.

Skills in demand will now include AI and machine learning expertise, cybersecurity, quantum computing, data science, cloud computing, AR/VR development, blockchain, and sustainability-focused tech skills.

AI, especially Agentic AI, quantum computing, cybersecurity, and sustainable technologies are considered the most promising for future growth and impact across industries.

The highest-paying tech fields typically include:

- **Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning**
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Growing reach of AI is another new trend, which has rapidly emerged as a major focus of interest and experimentation in enterprise and consumer technology. AI is now on its way to combine the flexibility and generality of AI foundation models with the ability to act in the world by creating “virtual coworkers” that can autonomously plan and execute multistep workflows. Although quantitative measures of interest and equity investment levels are as yet relatively low compared with more established trends,

AI is also the primary catalyst for another trend to note, application-specific semiconductors. While the semiconductor layer of the technology stack have long been key enablers of other tech trends, innovations in semiconductors have spiked as reflected in quantitative metrics such as number of patents. These innovations have come in response to exponentially higher demands for computing capacity, memory, and networking for AI training and inference, as well as a need to manage cost, heat, and electric power consumption. This has given rise to a slew of new products, new competitors, and new ecosystems.

Technology trends also have a variety of profiles along the dimensions we analyzed. AI is a widely applicable, general-purpose technology with use cases in every industry and business function, and thus lots of innovation and interest, and it is scaling rapidly across the business landscape.

Quantum technologies have a different profile. Quantum computing has the potential for transformative impact in certain critical domains, such as cryptography and material science, and the basic technology continues to be developed. Recent announcements, particularly by technology giants, have sparked increased interest, but real-world business impact will require even more technology advancements to make quantum computing practical.

Other trends and subrends vary across the multiple dimensions we analyzed, offering different approaches, from watchful waiting to aggressive deployment, to business leaders depending on their industries and competitive positions.

HUMAN + MACHINE COLLABORATION The Age of Artificial Intelligence



From the rise of robotics and autonomous systems to the imperative for responsible AI innovations, this year’s technology developments underscore a future where technology is more adaptive, collaborative, and integral to solving global problems. This is illuminated by themes that cut across trends this year:

The Rise of Autonomous Systems

Autonomous systems, including physical robots and digital agents, are moving from pilot projects to practical applications. These systems aren’t just executing tasks; they’re starting to learn, adapt, and collaborate. Autonomy is moving toward broad deployment, whether through coordinating last-mile logistics, navigating dynamic environments, or acting as virtual coworkers, among other skills.

Human–Machine Collaboration Models

Human-machine interaction is entering a new phase defined by more natural interfaces, multimodal inputs, and adaptive intelligence. From immersive training environments and haptic robotics to voice-driven copilots and sensor-enabled wearables, technology is becoming more responsive to human intent and behavior. This evolution is shifting the narrative from human replacement to augmentation, enabling more natural, productive collaboration between people and intelligent systems. As machines get better at interpreting context, the boundary between operator and cocreator continues to dissolve.

>>> MORE TECH TRENDS >>>

TECH TRENDS

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Scaling Challenges

The surging demand for compute-intensive workloads, especially from gen AI, robotics, and immersive environments, is creating new demands on global infrastructure.

Data center power constraints, physical network vulnerabilities, and rising compute demands have exposed cracks in global infrastructure. But the challenge isn't just technical, supply chain delays, labor shortages, and regulatory friction around grid access and permitting are slowing deployments. As a result, scaling now means solving not only for technical architecture and efficient design but also for the messy, real-world challenges in talent, policy, and execution.

Global Competition

Global competition over critical technologies has intensified. Countries and corporations have doubled down on sovereign infrastructure, localized chip fabrication, and funding technology initiatives such as quantum labs. This push for self-sufficiency isn't just about security; it's about reducing exposure to geopolitical risk and owning the next wave of value creation. The result is a new era of tech-driven competition where nations have a stake in critical industries.

Scale and specialization are growing simultaneously. Growth on these vectors is enabled by innovation in cloud services and advanced connectivity. On one hand, we see rapid growth in general-purpose model training infrastructure in vast, power-hungry data centers, while on the other, we observe accelerating innovation "at the edge," with lower-power technology embedded in phones, cars, home controls, and industrial devices.



This is creating ecosystems that deliver massive large language models with staggering parameter counts, as well as a growing range of domain-specific AI tools that can run almost anywhere. Leaders will balance centralized scale with localized control: Think modular microgrids for clean energy or bespoke robotics for niche manufacturing.

Innovation Imperatives

As technologies become more powerful and more personal, trust is increasingly the gatekeeper to adoption. Companies face growing pressure to demonstrate transparency, fairness, and accountability, whether in AI models, gene editing pipelines, or immersive platforms. Ethics are no longer just the right thing to do but rather strategic levers in deployment that can accelerate—or stall—scaling, investment, and long-term impact.

After a year in which the macroeconomic environment and broader market weakness provoked significant declines in equity financing for technology across several of our trends.

The investment climate for frontier technologies stabilized and, in many cases, rebounded last year in 2024.

Levels of equity investment in trends such as cloud and edge computing, bioengineering, and space technologies increased despite the broader market dip in 2023, while investments in other trends, such as AI and robotics, dipped only to recover to higher levels in 2024 than they achieved two years prior. The two trends with the highest levels of equity investment, the future of energy and sustainability technologies and the future of mobility, declined overall in 2023, but the former bounced back in 2024.

Technology is evolving faster than ever, transforming the way we work and live.

J.S.

A man with dark hair and a pearl necklace is the central figure, looking upwards with a slight smile. He is surrounded by several other men whose torsos and arms are visible. They are all wearing black briefs with red stripes and the 'SQUIRT.org' logo. Each person is holding a small cupcake with white frosting and a red rose-shaped decoration. The background is a solid light color.

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